

To the Inhabitants of the whole Earth, I

Thus write in the Name, and power, and dread of the Lord God.

H all ye Sons and Daughters of Men, come down, come down to the Witness of God in your hearts, even that which reproveth you in secret, and cease from all things else, as ever you would know the way, the path of peace and blessedness, and be delivered from eternity, sorrow, vexation, torment and desolation. Oh cease, cease all ye guides, to mislead the Sons and Daughters of Men; by perverting the spotless, innocent, certain, sure, safe, (though narrow) way of God; the way is but one, and the way is near, is brought near to every one, and the little seed of Righteousness, the Word near and in the heart. Oh ye soarers, ye comprehenders, ye towers, ye fathomers, ye stretchers, ye merers, ye toolers, ye gravers, ye makers of Images, ye ~~borderers~~ ^{borderers} in darkened minds and imaginations therein, cease from all the works of your own hands, and come down, come down to the witness, the lowly little seed of Righteousness near and in each of your hearts. Oh cease ye lustful ones, who are pursuing a shadow, and miserable disappointed all, who lust to have, and the more you have the more you want: Come down, come down to the witness of God in you, near and in your hearts, that sometimes brings you to judgment, and lets you see the end of all things is death and misery. Oh ye painted Harlots, who are gone to deceive the Inhabitants of the Earth, come down, come down to the witness and give up, and confess that there is a lie in your right hand, for the Word of the Lord God doth discover you all, and hid you can no longer hide; the birth is born that cannot be deceived, and a swift witness the Lord God, and will yet more abundantly be against all unrighteousness and deeds, and whosoever, whatsoever will not bow to this day of his appearance, shall be brought forth with the workers of iniquity, and slain in and by his presence and brightness of his Coming, before which, no flesh nor nothing can stand or live. Oh the dreadful, terrible astonishing day of God at hand, to be revealed against all unrighteousness, all manner of unrighteousness and deeds of darkness. Therefore come down all ye Sons and Daughters of Men, of what degree, quality or condition soever ye be, (for God is no respect of persons) come to the witness of God near and in your hearts, and be not stout or rebellious against his Word, his Light, his witness near and in your hearts; come down I say to this, and give up the transgressor, even all that the light of Christ near and in your hearts witnesseth against, else misery, desolation and torment shall be your portion in the lake that burns for ever.

The 8th. of the 10th. Month, 1665.

J. Swinton.

FRIENDS,

ALL you that think and say and maintain it as your Principle, that you must be sinners for term of life, so as you cannot cease from sinning, do not with open face proclaim that you are in unbelief, ignorant of the Word of God, that take away the fire of the World, and of his blood that

sin; but breaks the Covenant with Hell and Death, and makes straight steps, and spares not one hoof, makes more then Conquerors; so as the enemy comes to be sought for and cannot be found, and gives perfect peace, rest, his Enemies being made his footstool, every thought and imagination and desire reduced, perfectly reduced into the obedience of truth. But you are all ignorant of this, and cannot be otherwise, all you whose minds are wandered, erred, gone from the measure of the truth, the Light of Christ each in your selves not only with evil deeds and practices, burdening the same, having slain the just in you, but also with open face opposing, denying, gainsaying, the in-being thereof, being past all feeling, or if there-through ye have any gripings or things, and checks or reproofs, so as sometimes to be brought under condemnation thereby, you (through the help of your blind guides) call a natural insufficient thing, notwithstanding your experience, and the plain clear testimony for it in the Scriptures of truth. Oh Friends, you cannot know perfection but in and through this, even as you come to the measure of truth in your own particulars, this is the perfect way, and leads out of imperfection, out of the sin and blot in the root and branches thereof all that come to it, so as to love it and give up to it, so as to abide in it, so as not to go out from it, makes free indeed, perfectly redeems, even to be without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, makes the Conscience free and clear, and void of offence towards God and all men, and whatever hath been comes to be cast behind into a Land of forgetfulness, never more to be remembered, so as the perfect peace comes to be witnessed, and the perfect peace cannot be witnessed, where the perfect freedom from sinning is not witnessed, but all ye that are erred from the measure of the true Light that lighteth each of you in your particulars, and are opposing, gainsaying and blaspheming this Light of Christ, near and in your heart, calling it Natural and insufficient; you are afraid of perfection, freedom from sinning, and do not, will not come to the Light because your deeds are evil, and the Covenant with Hell and Death is so strong, even so strong, as you love your bonds, and love death more then life, Sin more then Righteousness; therefore are you cut off from the Light, and Land of the Living, even that which is the Possession, the Inheritance of the Saints, the sanctified ones, the Children of the Light in this hour, therefore shall ye die in your sins, being driven into darkness, wallowing in the mire, the servants of Corruption in the midst of all your swelling words and imaginations, and profession out from the Light, the measure of truth, the Spirit given to every one to profit with all, though you have no profit by it through your gainsaying and opposing, in the love of iniquity and sensuality. But the day of the Lord is over you all, and you are seen and cannot be hid, and the testimony of truth is against you all, in your way and spirit, and fruit, and whole conversation as being out of the Covenant of Light and truth in thoughts and imaginations wandering in the darkness of your minds, your bonds made strong through gainsaying and opposition to the testimony of this hour wherein your healing and redemption and recovery lies, and God hath followed you long, and his long suffering hath been great, and he hath loved this Generation; but they harden their hearts against him.

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 with Hell and Death strong, so as even to be at agreement with Hell & Death;
 is not he that is and was in the Saints, stronger then he that was in the World;
 and is not the strong Man to be cast out? Oh Friends, you have erred in
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 right, upright, spotless, perfect way of God, and have brought it down to
 your carnal fleshly imaginations, to save the enemies head, the Devils King-
 dom in you. And I am a Witness for God against you all, that his way is
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